

EGREMONT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2018 – 10:00 am

Attending: Susan Bachelder, Margaret Cherin, Bill Wood, Rebecca Turner, Stephen Piersanti, Abigail Rogers-McKee

Absent: Elliott Snyder

- John Bugsch presented plans for a proposed new construction home on his property at 10 Sheffield Rd, the property of the former Egremont Inn. The commission gave recommendations on color and lighting and referenced literature on hand in the archives he could use if needed. All thanked Mr. Bugsch for taking the time to come before the board.
- Meeting minutes from January 6th, 2018 were reviewed and accepted.
- **Preparedness Plan**
 - Susan has been in discussion with the Town, Library and Fire Department to coordinate a meeting to review what current disaster plans are in place for the Library and Archives. A tentative meeting has been setup for February 15th during the Library Trustees meeting, but Susan is waiting to receive confirmation from the Library.
 - An online course is available online to write a formal disaster plan. Margaret noted that there are also guides available online for free to do this as well. All agreed that an updated disaster plan for the archives especially was needed.
- **Outreach and Events**
 - Stephen will be planning and coordinating a Fall walk of the cemeteries.
 - A House Tour of the historic homes surrounding Buttonball Ln and Sheffield Rd was suggested as an event, but would require coordination with the Commission and home owners. If this could move forward it could possibly be fundraising event for the Commission or either the Friends of Egremont History or Meeting House groups.
- **Lighting Issues**
 - There was continued discussion of the how the town is handling lighting. Susan will be moving forward with composing a letter to the Board of Selectmen on lighting as described in the zoning bylaw in relation to building signage.
 - Susan has also been in contact with the International Dark-Sky Association to get additional information and recommendations on street lighting as related to the town's perusal of a grant to upgrade street lights along Rout 23. The commission interested in street lighting specifically as it will have significant effects on how it will impact our National Register Historic District in the South Village.
- Lynn Wood presented to the commission her and her daughters new business, 'Dwelling in the Past.' This business will utilize their talents on historic and land research to bring to light the stories of historic homes in context of the building and its community.
- Nancy DuVall presented material on oral histories that she had collected a number of years ago for the commission's archives.

Next Proposed Meeting: March 3rd @ 10:00 am

Submitted by Rebecca Turner, Secretary